

**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method of entering text into an electronic communications device (1) by means of a keypad (3) having a number of keys, each key representing a plurality of letters and/or phonetic symbols, and wherein entered text is displayed on a display (2) arranged on the electronic communications device, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

activating a sequence of keys;  
generating possible phonetic syllables corresponding to said activated key sequence;  
comparing said possible syllables with a vocabulary (6) stored in a memory (5), said vocabulary comprising syllables and corresponding characters occurring in a given language;  
pre-selecting those of said stored syllables and corresponding characters that match said possible syllables; and  
presenting a number of the pre-selected characters on said display,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein a number of said pre-selected phonetic syllables are presented on the display (2) in a separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13) arranged predominantly on the display, and ~~in that~~ wherein characters corresponding to at least one of the syllables presented in the first graphical object are simultaneously presented in a second graphical object (21).

2. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the method further comprises the step of~~ further comprising:

indicating distinctly one of the syllables presented in said separate first graphical object, (11; 12; 13) ~~and in that~~ wherein the characters presented in the second graphical object (21) correspond to the syllable distinctly indicated.

3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that the method further comprises the steps of~~ further comprising:

rank ordering the pre-selected phonetic syllables according to their frequency of use in said language, and

indicating distinctly as default the most commonly used phonetic syllable in said separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13).

4. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2, further comprising: or 3,  
~~characterized in that the method further comprises the step of~~  
allowing a user to indicate distinctly a different one of said pre-selected phonetic syllables.

5. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2, further comprising: any one  
~~of claims 2 to 4, characterized in that the method further comprises the steps of:~~  
allowing a user to select one of the characters corresponding to the indicated phonetic syllable, and  
adding the selected character to the text displayed on the display (2).

6. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that the~~  
~~method further comprises the step of~~ further comprising:  
removing said first separate graphical object (11; 12; 13) from the display (2) when a character has been selected.

7. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising: any one  
~~of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the method further comprises the step of~~  
removing said separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13) from the display (2) when a predefined period of time has elapsed since the last activation of a key.

8. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that the~~  
~~method further comprises the step of~~ further comprising:  
arranging said number of pre-selected phonetic syllables vertically in said separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13).

9. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that the step~~  
~~of wherein~~ allowing a user to indicate distinctly a different one of said pre-selected phonetic syllables ~~is performed by~~ comprises:  
allowing the user to navigate between individual pre-selected phonetic syllables by activating an upwards-key for indicating a phonetic syllable presented just above the phonetic syllable presently indicated[[,]]; and

by activating a downwards-key for indicating a phonetic syllable presented just below the phonetic syllable presently indicated.

10. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 9, further comprising:  
~~characterized in that the method further comprises the step of~~

allowing the user, in the case where not all pre-selected phonetic syllables are presented in said separate first graphical object (~~11; 12; 13~~), to exclude one of the presently presented phonetic syllables and instead present a phonetic syllable not presently presented by activation of one of the upwards- and downwards-keys.

11. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising: ~~any one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that the method further comprises the step of~~

allowing the user to navigate between individual characters in said second graphical object by activating a left arrow key and/or a right arrow key.

12. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising: ~~any one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the method further comprises the step of~~

adjusting the width of said separate first graphical object (~~11; 12; 13~~) according to the length of the phonetic syllables being presented.

13. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising: ~~any one of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that the method further comprises the step of~~

presenting the phonetic syllables in said separate first graphical object (~~11; 12; 13~~) with a font size which is adjusted according to the length of the phonetic syllables being presented.

14. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising: ~~any one of claims 1 to 13, characterized in that the method further comprises the step of~~

generating said possible phonetic syllables as pinyin representations.

15. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2, further comprising:  
~~characterized in that the method further comprises the step of~~

showing a cursor in combination with the distinctly indicated phonetic syllable.

16. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising: any one of claims 1 to 15, characterized in that the method further comprises the step of  
keeping text that is displayed outside said separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13) unchanged as long as said separate first graphical object is shown on the display (2).

17. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising: any one of claims 1 to 15, characterized in that the method further comprises the step of  
updating text that is displayed outside said separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13) at a low rate compared to the key activation rate as long as said separate first graphical object is shown on the display (2).

18. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device (1) ~~having the possibility of~~ configured for entering text into the device, and comprising:

a keypad (3) having a number of keys, each key representing a plurality of letters and/or phonetic symbols;

a display (2) arranged on the electronic communications device, on which entered text may be displayed;

a memory (5), wherein a vocabulary (6) comprising phonetic syllables and corresponding characters occurring in a given language is stored;

means (7) for generating possible phonetic syllables corresponding to a sequence of activated keys;

means (8) for comparing said possible phonetic syllables with said stored vocabulary (6) and pre-selecting stored phonetic syllables and corresponding characters that match said possible syllables; and

means (9) for presenting a number of the pre-selected characters on said display, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said presenting means (9) is arranged to present a number of said pre-selected phonetic syllables on the display (2) in a separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13) arranged predominantly on the display (2), and to present characters corresponding to at least one of the syllables presented in the first graphical object simultaneously in a second graphical object (21).

19. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said presenting means (9) is further ~~arranged~~ configured to indicate distinctly one of the syllables presented in said separate first graphical object (~~11; 12; 13~~), said distinctly indicated syllable corresponding to the characters presented in the second graphical object (~~21~~).

20. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to ~~to~~ rank order the pre-selected phonetic syllables according to their frequency of use in said language, and indicate distinctly as default the most commonly used phonetic syllable in said separate first graphical object (~~11; 12; 13~~).

21. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 19 or 20, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to allow a user to indicate distinctly a different one of said pre-selected phonetic syllables.

22. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 19, wherein ~~any one of claims 19 to 21, characterized in that~~ the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to ~~to~~ allow a user to select one of the characters corresponding to the indicated phonetic syllable, and add the selected character to the text displayed on the display (~~2~~).

23. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to remove said separate first graphical object (~~11; 12; 13~~) from the display when a character has been selected.

24. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 18, wherein ~~any one of claims 18 to 21, characterized in that~~ the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to remove said separate first graphical object (~~11; 12; 13~~) from the display when a predefined period of time has elapsed since the last activation of a key.

25. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to present said number of pre-selected phonetic syllables vertically in said separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13).

26. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 25, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to allow a user to indicate distinctly a different one of said pre-selected phonetic syllables by allowing the user to navigate between individual pre-selected phonetic syllables by activating an upwards-key for indicating a phonetic syllable presented just above the phonetic syllable presently indicated, and by activating a downwards-key for indicating a phonetic syllable presented just below the phonetic syllable presently indicated.

27. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 26, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to allow the user, in the case where not all pre-selected phonetic syllables are presented in said separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13), to exclude one of the presently presented phonetic syllables and instead present a phonetic syllable not presently presented by activation of one of the upwards- and downwards-keys.

28. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 18, ~~wherein any one of claims 18 to 27, characterized in that~~ the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to allow the user to navigate between individual characters in said second graphical object by activating a left arrow key and/or a right arrow key.

29. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 18, ~~wherein any one of claims 18 to 28, characterized in that~~ the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to adjust the width of said separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13) according to the length of the phonetic syllables being presented.

30. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 18, ~~wherein any one of claims 18 to 29, characterized in that~~ the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to present the phonetic syllables in said separate first graphical object (11; 12; 13)

with a font size which is adjusted according to the length of the phonetic syllables being presented.

31. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 18, ~~wherein any one of claims 18 to 30, characterized in that~~ said possible phonetic syllables are pinyin representations.

32. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to show a cursor in combination with the distinctly indicated phonetic syllable.

33. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 18, ~~wherein any one of claims 18 to 32, characterized in that~~ the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to keep text that is displayed outside said separate first graphical object ~~(11; 12; 13)~~ unchanged as long as said separate first graphical object is shown on the display ~~(2)~~.

34. (Currently amended) An electronic communications device according to claim 18, ~~wherein any one of claims 18 to 32, characterized in that~~ the device is further ~~arranged~~ configured to update text that is displayed outside said separate first graphical object ~~(11; 12; 13)~~ at a low rate compared to the key activation rate as long as said separate first graphical object is shown on the display ~~(2)~~.

35. An electronic communications device according to claim 18, ~~wherein any one of claims 18 to 34, characterized in that~~ said generating means ~~(7)~~, comparing means ~~(8)~~ and presenting means ~~(9)~~ are implemented in a processor ~~(4)~~.